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**PATENT APPLICATION**

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METHOD EMPLOYED THEREIN FOR SUCCESSIVELY, RATHER  
THAN SIMULTANEOUSLY, OPERATING CAMERA PORTIONS  
DURING CONDITIONS OF LOW BATTERY VOLTAGE (as  
amended)

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The applicants hereby respectfully petition the  
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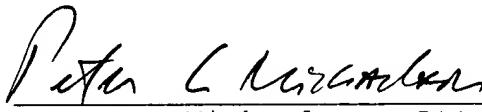
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I have also enclosed our check in the amount of \$ 490.00 (\$180.00 to cover the petition fee and \$310.00 to cover the appeal fee). In the event this check is unacceptable, insufficient or is omitted, kindly charge the additional or entire cost, as appropriate, of this extension to my deposit account number 13-3083. To facilitate that charge, a duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed herewith.

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DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The applicants respectfully request that the following references be considered in the examination of the above-identified application. A copy of each reference is enclosed. If any of these references were uncovered by an international or foreign search as part of a counterpart application filed by the applicants, then a copy of the search report is also enclosed.

**Japanese Published Utility Model Patent Application**

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**REMARKS**

Reference AA is accompanied by an English-language translation of the claims. Each of references AB-AL is accompanied by a corresponding English-language abstract.

For the Examiner's convenience, the applicants have also enclosed a completed modified form PTO-SB/08A.

Lastly, in accordance with Rule 37 C.F.R. §§ 197.7(c) and 1.97(e)(1), the undersigned attorney certifies that each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to filing this statement. In this regard, the communication from the Japanese Patent Office is dated March 21, 2001

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